

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: SCHMITT-13

In re Application of:)
JAKOB SCHMITT)
Appl. No.: 10/047,486)
Filed: January 14, 2002)
For: METHOD FOR SECURING A ROD-SHAPED)
PART IN A HOLDING MEMBER, A)
THREADED ROD AND USE THEREOF)



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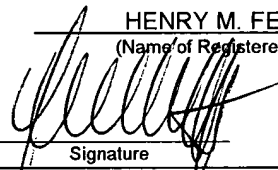
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the instant specification and references D) to E) which were cited during examination in parallel German patent application No. 100 03 572. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 44 35 466 A1	Srohl	04-11-1996
B)	Germany	DE 41 31 385 C2	Schaupt	04-07-1994
C)	Germany	DE 29 12 033 C2	Kanamaru	12-13-1984
D)	International	WO 97/21506	Niemeier	06-19-1997
E)	Germany	DE 31 45 469 A1	Abel	05-19-1983

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the issuance of a first office but before issuance of a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311.
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- ☐ The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

- ☐ That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;
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- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 set forth in 1.17(p).
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference E) describes a method and an apparatus for producing a positive and non-positive connection between a first component provided with a recess and a second component to be inserted into the recess of the first component. A circumferentially extending groove is machined into the second component, being arranged in such a way that, when the two components are fitted together, it lies at least partially within the recess of the first component. By subsequently pressing the edge region of the recess of the first component into the groove of the second component, the two components are connected to one another positively and non-positively.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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